



520.39737X00

September 15, 2005

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: OTSUBO et al

Serial No.: 09/842,000

Filed:

April 26, 2001

For:

Plasma Processing Apparatus And Processing

Group:

1763

Examiner:

A. Crowell

## UNDER 37 CFR 1.97 & 1.98

Mail Stop: DD

Commissioner For Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, applicants are submitting herewith copies of the non-US patent documents as listed in the attached form equivalent to Form PTO-1449 for the Examiner's consideration.

This information disclosure statement is being submitted before the mailing date of either a final action or a notice of allowance and is accompanied by the following certification specified in 37 CFR 1.97(e).

On information and belief, I hereby certify that each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

To the extent the documents listed on the attached form equivalent to Form PTO-1449 are not in the English language, the requirement of 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) for a concise explanation of the relevance is satisfied by an English language version

Abstract of the documents.

It is respectfully requested that this information disclosure statement and the listed documents be considered by the Examiner.

Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 520.39737X00), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

ANTONELLI, TERRY, STOUT & KRAUS, LLP

Melvin Kraus

Registration No. 22,466

MK/jla (703) 312-6600 Attachments Sheet 1 of 1 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE ATTY. DKT. NO. SERIAL NO. Form PTO-1449 PATEMICAND TRADEMARK OFFICE Equivalent 520.39737X00 09/842,000 **APPLICANT INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT** OTSUBO et al **BY APPLICANT FILING DATE GROUP** (Use several sheets if necessary) 1763 A. Crowell **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS** Class Subclass Filing Date Name Ex. Initial Doc. No. Date AA AB AC AD ΑE AF AG AΗ **U.S. PATENT APPLICATIONS Publication Number Publication Date** Name ΑI ΑJ AK AL **FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS** Translation/Abstract? Country Class | Subclass Doc. No. Date

Japan

Japan

Japan

**OTHER DOCUMENTS** 

11-067493

10-064696

08-246169

AM

AN

AO AP AQ

**AR** 

AS

AT

Examiner

3/99

3/98

Yes

Abstract

**Abstract** 

**Abstract** 

**Date Considered** 

No